

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,949,351 to Hahm ("Hahm"). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hahm as applied to claim 1 and in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,450 to Darbee et al. Applicant has herein amended claims 1, 5, 7, and 10. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully traverses the claim rejections as follows.

Applicant submits that Hahm does not teach or suggest all of the elements of independent claims 1 and 7. For example, Applicants submit that Hahm does not teach or suggest, among other things, "an output device in communication with the processor, wherein the output device includes a speaker, and wherein the speaker is configured to receive an activation signal from the processor and to emit an audible signal indicative of the signal from the electronic device" as claimed in claims 1 and 7.


Hahm discloses a controlling apparatus that includes "an LED 308 for displaying the state of controlling apparatus 100 for the user." *See* Hahm, col. 7, lines 19-20. Such an LED is not "an output device" that "includes a speaker" as claimed in claims 1 and 7. Thus, Applicant submits that Hahm does not teach or suggest all of the elements of independent claims 1 and 7.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 7, and dependent claims 2-6 and 8-10, which depend therefrom, respectively, are patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims in the present application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner's concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

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